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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/557,902.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 6, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eggert, Jr. (US 4,267,895 A).

Eggert, Jr. discloses a hybrid vehicle comprising an engine 56 and motor 61 (inherently with drive shafts) for driving wheels 76, an energy storage means or batteries 40, and an air diverting system 57 for diverting air to either the engine or motor for cooling, as shown in figures 1-7. Eggert further discloses intakes 66, 67 having grates that would filter out leaves and other large debris, further, conventional air intakes on vehicles have grates and screens in order to filter out bugs and debris.

With respect to claim 11, the method is inherently performed in the use of the apparatus of Buschhaus et al. in view of Ishida et al. recited above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-4, 7-9, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eggert, Jr., as applied to claims 1, 6, and 11 above, and further in view of Ishida et al. (US 5,705, 865 A).

Eggert, Jr. does not disclose air as cooling around the motor windings, magnets, and rotor/stator. Ishida et al. discloses a motor that has a cooling chamber with airgap 30 for allowing cooling air to reach the windings, magnets, and stator/rotor, as shown in figures 4. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the vehicle of Eggert, Jr. with the motor of Ishida et al. in order to cool the inside of the motor and prevent overheating.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 3/15/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 and 5-14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey J. Restifo whose telephone number is (571) 272-6697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis can be reached on (571) 272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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